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Division Moves to Add Two to Exclusion List

ATLANTIC CITY -- Attorney General John J. Farmer, Jr. today announced that the Division of Gaming Enforcement has filed petitions to add two people to New Jersey's casino exclusion list.

The Casino Control Commission today approved the Division's petition for preliminary placement of Frank DeSimone on the list of persons who are to be excluded or ejected from any licensed casino establishment, commonly known as the Exclusion List. That petition was filed March 20, 2000. DeSimone, who has a number of prior convictions, was named in a six-count indictment presented by the Division of Criminal Justice, Casino Prosecutions Bureau in November 1999. DeSimone was charged with Issuing a False Financial Statement (third degree) and Issuing Bad Checks (third degree). These charges are based on credit applications and financial disclosure forms he completed at the Atlantic City Hilton, Tropicana Casino and Hotel, and Caesars Atlantic City.

On April 13, 2000, the Division of Gaming Enforcement filed a petition for preliminary placement of Richard Wojcio on the Exclusion List. Wojcio, formerly a licensed harness race driver, was convicted in 1998 of third-degree Conspiracy for his involvement in schemes to fix pari-mutuel races in New Jersey. In 1996, when he was named in an indictment relative to this matter, Wojcio's Racing Commission license was suspended, and he was declared ineligible to participate in racing.

In both these cases, preliminary placement on the Exclusion List is based on the Division's position that the individuals' presence in a licensed casino would be inimical to the interests of the State of New Jersey or of licensed gaming and based on their prior convictions for serious offenses.

There are currently 171 individuals on the Exclusion List.

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